GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

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SUPPLY OF TU-22 BOMBERS BY RUSSIA
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Russia has agreed to provide four T.U.-22 bombers on lease basis to India;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time which the said planes are likely to be received?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (c): For its defence and strategic requirements, India has been procuring arms and ammunitions from various countries. Giving details of either the countries or ammunitions/weapons for acquisitions will not be in the interest of national security.